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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GORDON ET AL.

Examiner

Vivek Srivastava

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5.
- 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 20) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1 and 3 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (anticipated) as being anticipated by Ludvig et al (6,415,437).

Considering claim 1, Ludvig discloses a plurality of transport streams each comprising interactive guide pages (col 6 lines 43-46, col 8 lines 17-34). Ludvig further discloses that guide pages can be scrolled in sequence, i.e., channels 1-10 on one page and channels 11-20 (see col 8 lines 17-50). Since the streams are all program guide pages providing programming for a given time range (see fig 5A-5C) and since the program guide pages can be scrolled in sequence, the guide pages are all related by time and in order of sequence (see col 8 lines 17-50).

Considering claim 3, Ludvig discloses providing interactive guide pages which can be scrolled by a user (see col 8 lines 17-45) which meets the claimed 'providing a guide page which may be navigated by a viewer'. Further, Ludvig discloses a user can scroll to the bottom of the page, wherein when the user reaches the last cell or a special icon, the next page displaying channels 11-20 is displayed (see col 8 lines 17-50) and thus discloses the claimed 'providing a threshold within the interactive guide page, and if the threshold is crossed during navigation of the page by the viewer, then requesting a next interactive guide page' limitation. Note, the claimed threshold is met by scrolling to the last cell or special icon.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ludvig et al (6,415,437).

Considering claim 2, Ludvig discloses forming a first transport stream including video packets with a first set of packet identifiers and forming a second transport stream including video packets with a second set of packet identifiers (see col 6 lines 17-49 and col 8 lines 17-50). Ludvig discloses switching between transport streams to view IPG pages but fails to disclose the claimed wherein the first set of packet identifiers and the

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second set of packet identifiers include a common identifier, however, it would have been obvious to modify Ludvig to include the claimed common identifier to provide quick detection of the PID's to expedite switching and reduce switching latencies.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Guo et al (6,173,330) – Delivery and acquisition of data segments

Mori et al (6,191,782) – Method for displaying IPG information at high speeds

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